**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Servants – Commercial Taxes Department – Surprise Check conducted over the Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District on 09-01-2017 – Allegations of Corruption – Common disciplinary proceedings initiated – Inquiry under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - against Sri Pelluru Ravi Kumar, Commercial Tax Officer, Integrated check post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District - Article of Charges – Issued.

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**REVENUE (VIGILANCE – II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.870** **Dated:19-06-2018**

**Read the following:**

1. From Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau,A.P, Lr.C.No.6/DES-NNL/2017, dated:18-05-2018.
2. G.O.Ms.No.319, Revenue(Vig-II)Department, Dt:19-06-2018.

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**O R D E R :**

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference 2nd read above, it is considered necessary to hold an enquiry against Sri Pelluru Ravi Kumar, Commercial Tax Officer, Integrated check post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District under Rule 20 of the said rules.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. Sri Pelluru Ravi Kumar, Commercial Tax Officer, Integrated check post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District is directed to submit within ten days of the receipt of this order a written statement of his defense.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Pelluru Ravi Kumar, Commercial Tax Officer, Integrated check post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Attention of Sri Pelluru Ravi Kumar, Commercial Tax Officer, Integrated check post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been

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made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.MANMOHAN SINGH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT, EXCISE & R&S) (FAC)

To
Sri Pelluru Ravi Kumar, Commercial Tax Officer, Integrated check post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District.(w.e, Annexures I to IV) **through** the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government)
The Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada.

**Copy to**

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, NTR Administrative Block, 2nd Floor, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Revenue (Commercial Tax-I) Department.
SF / SC.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

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## ANNEXURE-I

**ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PELLURU RAVI KUMAR S/O. VENKATESWARA RAO, CTO, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ICP, B.V. PALEM, TADA(M), SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT**

That Sri Pelluru Ravi Kumar S/o. Venkateswara Rao, Commercial Tax Officer, Administrative Officer, being the Supervisory Officer of Integrated Check Post, joined in Government Service on 08.06.1995, as Assistant Commercial Tax Officer and worked at O/o. Deputy Commercial Tax Officer, Rajahmundry, O/o. Deputy Commercial Tax Officer, Amalapuram (Urban), O/o. Deputy Commercial Tax Officer, Rajahmundry, O/o. Commercial Tax Officer, Narsapuram from 08.06.1995 to 14.03.2006. He got promotion as Deputy Commercial Tax Officer and worked at O/o. Commercial Tax Officer, Gudiwada, O/o. Commercial Tax Officer, Suryapeta, Vijayawada, O/o. Commercial Tax Officer, Sitaramapuram, Vijayawada from 23.03.2006 to 31.08.2013. He appointed as I/c Commercial Tax Officer at O/o. Deputy Commissioner (Commercial Tax), Eluru and worked from 31.08.2013 to 22.06.2016. He got promotion as Commercial Tax Officer and working as thus at Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem, Tada, Nellore District since 30.06.2016. His date of birth is on 10.08.1964 and date of retirement on attaining the age of superannuation is 31.08.2024. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant. While functioning as Commercial Tax Officer, Administrative Officer, Commercial Tax Department, Integrated Check Post, B.V. Palem, Tada (Mandal) committed grave misconduct in as

**CHARGE:-** That Suspected Officer-I Sri Pelluru Ravi Kumar, Commercial Tax Officer, Administrative Officer Commercial Tax Department, Integrated Check Post, BV Palem Check Post, Tada, being a public servant and Supervisory Officer while working as thus exhibited gross negligence of duty and slack supervision over his subordinates of Commercial Tax and other Departments of Integrated Check Post, BV Palem. During the surprise check on 09.01.2017 the Anti Corruption Bureau officials found that the Incoming Check Post officials of Commercial Tax Department collecting mamools (bribe) ranging from Rs.150/- to Rs.200/- through private persons namely as i.e. Sri K. Vasu and Sri J. Veera Babu and an unaccounted amount of Rs.22,450/- was found with the private persons during the surprise check. The aforesaid staff allowed the crew of some vehicles passes through the check post by flouting Rules. The aforesaid unaccounted amount of Rs.22,450/- was seized.

At the same the Out Going Check Post officials of Commercial Tax Check Post, Prohibition & Excise Department, Forest Department are collecting mamools (bribe) ranging from Rs.100/- to Rs.150/- through private person namely as i.e. Sri I. Srinivasulu. An unaccounted amount of Rs.37,250/- was found with the aforesaid private person during the surprise check. The above mentioned staff allowed the crew of some vehicles pass through the check post by flouting Rules. The aforesaid unaccounted amount of Rs.37,250/- was seized. Thus he was responsible for the above illegal collection of Rs.59,700/-.

Thus, Sri Pelluru Ravi Kumar, Commercial Tax Officer by the above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated Rule 3 (1) (2) & (5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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**ANNEXURE — II**

**STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PELLURU RAVI KUMAR S/O. VENKATESWARA RAO, CTO, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ICP, B.V. PALEM, TADA(M), SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT**

That Sri Pelluru Ravi Kumar S/o. Venkateswara Rao, Commercial Tax Officer, Administrative Officer, Integrated Check Post, BV Palem, Tada Mandal is native of Valluvari Street, Guntur-2 and joined in Government Service on 08.06.1995, as Assistant Commercial Tax Officer and worked at O/o. Deputy Commercial Tax Officer, Rajahmundry, O/o. Deputy Commercial Tax Officer, Amalapuram (Urban), O/o. Deputy Commercial Tax Officer, Rajahmundry, O/o. Commercial Tax Officer, Narsapuram from 08.06.1995 to 14.03.2006. He got promotion as Deputy Commercial Tax Officer and worked at O/o. Commercial Tax Officer, Gudiwada, O/o. Commercial Tax Officer, Suryapeta, Vijayawada, O/o. Commercial Tax Officer, Sitaramapuram, Vijayawada from 23.03.2006 to 31.08.2013. He appointed as I/c Commercial Tax Officer at O/o. Deputy Commissioner (Commercial Taxes), Eluru and worked from 31.08.2013 to 22.06.2016. He got promotion as Commercial Tax Officer and working as thus at Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem, Tada, Nellore District since 30.06.2016. His date of birth is on 10.08.1964 and date of retirement on attaining the age of superannuation is 31.08.2024. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

**CHARGE:-** That Suspected Officer-1 Sri Pelluru Ravi Kumar, Commercial Tax Officer, Administrative Officer Commercial Tax Department, Integrated Check Post, BV Palem Check Post, Tada, being a public servant and Supervisory Officer while working as thus exhibited gross negligence of duty and slack supervision over his subordinates of Commercial Tax and other Departments of Integrated Check Post, BV Palem. During the surprise check on 09.01.2017 the Anti Corruption Bureau officials found that the Incoming Check Post officials of Commercial Tax Department collecting mamools (bribe) ranging from Rs.150/- to - Rs.200/- through private persons namely as i.e. Sri K. Vasu and Sri J. Veera Babu and an unaccounted amount of Rs.22,450/- was found with the private persons during the surprise check. The aforesaid staff allowed the crew of some vehicles passes through the check post by flouting Rules. The aforesaid unaccounted amount of Rs.22,450/- was seized.

At the same the Out Going Check Post officials of Commercial Tax Check Post, Prohibition & Excise Department, Forest Department are collecting mamools (bribe) ranging from Rs.100/- to Rs.150/- through private person namely as i.e. Sri I. Srinivasulu. An unaccounted amount of Rs.37,250/- was found with the aforesaid private person during the surprise check. The above mentioned staff allowed the crew of some vehicles passes through the check post by flouting Rules. The aforesaid unaccounted amount of Rs.37,250/- was seized. Thus he was responsible for the above illegal collection of Rs.59,700/-.

**STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION WITH FACTS AND EVIDENCE:**

On credible information that the officers and staff of Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District are indulging in corrupt practices and collecting illegal gratifications/mamools from the crew of vehicles plying through Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem, a surprise check was conducted over Transport Wing, Commercial Taxes Incoming and Outgoing Wings of Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem on 09.01.2017 from 02.30 am to 09.30 am with three teams headed by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Nellore Range, Nellore in the presence of mediators. The surprise check revealed the following

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irregularities and violations. The officials of Incoming Check Post engaged two private persons for collecting mamools ranging from Rs.100/- To Rs.150/- from the crew of the vehicles as usual practice for ignoring the violations. At the time of surprise check 1) Sri Ravilla Nageswara Rao, Deputy Commercial Tax Officer, 2) Sri Ramavath Balaji Naik, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer, 3) Sri Kollipara Koteswara Prasad, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer 4) Sri Puniparthi Mallikarjuna Rao, Senior Assistant 5) Sri Pasala Purushottama Rao, Senior Assistant/Data Entry Operator 6) Smt. Duvvuri Madhavi, Junior Assistant 7) Sri Kolakalam Vijay Kumar, Junior Assistant 8) Smt. Guntapudi Kalavathi, Junior Assistant/Junior Inspector 9) Sri Kodakala Ramesh, Attender is on duty and the same was reflected in the Duty Register. During the surprise check the two private persons namely Sri Kancharla Vasu s/o. Bosu, Age: 35 Years, Occ: Cooli, R/o: D.No.9-1, Opp: Syndicate Bank, Panduranga Street, Sullurupeta N/o: Mudunuru Village, Vyyuru Mandal, Krishna District and Sri Jannu Veera Babu S/o. Sambasiva Rao, Age: 30 Years, Occ: Cooli R/o: Sri Maruthi Mess, Karur Village, Tada (M), SPSR Nellore District are found with an unaccounted amount of Rs.22,450/-. The DSP got recorded the statements of the Sri K. Vasu and Sri J. Veera Babu two private persons. As per the statements of the crew members it was confirmed that the amount was collected from them for ignoring the violations during the transportation of the goods in the vehicles and the amount of Rs. 22,450/- was seized under the surprise check proceedings.

The officials of Outgoing Check Post engaged two private persons for collecting mamools ranging from Rs.100/- To Rs.150/- from the crew of the vehicles as usual practice for ignoring the violations. At the time of surprise check 1) Sri Manapati Raghu, Junior Assistant 2) Sri Devarapalli Bala Murali Krishna, Junior Assistant 3) Sri Ganta Ravi Kumar, Head Constable 4) Sri Dasari Hari Babu, Technical Assistant and 5) Sri Vasili Chandra Sekhar, Forest Section Officer is on duty and the same was reflected in the Duty Register. During the surprise check the one private person namely Sri I. Srinivasulu found with an unaccounted amount of Rs.37,250/-. The Deputy Superintendent of Police got recorded the statement of the Sri Ittahadi Srinivasulu S/o. Venkataiah, Age: 32 Years, Profession: Cooli, R/o: Kollamitta Village, Sullurupeta Mandal, SPSR Nellore District (Private Person). As per the statements of the crew members it was confirmed that the amount was collected as bribe / mamools from them for ignoring the violations during the transportation of the goods in the vehicles and the amount of Rs.37,250/- was seized under the surprise check proceedings.

As a supervisory officer he allowed the officials of Integrated Check Post to collect mamools from the crew of vehicles, to commit above irregularities and he failed to control his subordinates working at Integrated Check Post, B.V. Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District.

Thus the Government Servant by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and slack supervision and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) (2) & (5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus the Government Servant has therefore rendered himself liable for departmental action for major penalty for his misconduct.

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## ANNEXURE - III

**LIST OF WITNESSES**

1) Sri Nadakuditi Sateesh Babu S/o Punnaiah, Age: 29 Years, Pallikaru, Lorry Driver R/o: Yanamalakuduru Village, Vijayawada, Krishna District.

2) Sri Anne Srikanth S/o Basava Rao, Age: 38 Years, Lorry Cleaner, R/o: D.No.5-4-32/6, Kamala Nagar, Road No.8, Vanastalipuram, Hyderabad, Telangana State.

3) Sri A.V. Durga Prasad S/o. Avataram, Age: 48 Years, Lorry Driver R/o:Near Patel Nagar, Ramavarappadu, Krishna District, A.P.

4) Sri Sambareddy Bhaskar Naidu S/o Subba Naidu, Age: 58 Years, Occ: Lorry Driver, R/o: D.No.6-3-61, Rajagopala Puram, Naidupeta, SPSR Nellore District.

5) Sri Pasupuleti Venkateswalru S/o. Seenaiah, Age: 40 Years, Lorry Driver, R/o: Pinakini Grameena Bank Road, Vedayapalem, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, AP.,

6) Sri Damerla Bhagavan Das, S/o Ramanjaya, Age: 42 Years, Lorry Driver, R/o: Rama Krishna Nagar, Butchireddypalem, SPSR Nellore District, A.P.,

7) Sri Kancharla Vasu s/o. Bosu, Age: 35 Years, Cooli, R/o: D.No.9-1, Opp: Syndicate Bank, Panduranga Street, Sullurupeta N/o: Mudunuru Village, Vyyuru Mandal, Krishna District (Private Person).

8) Sri Jannu Veera Babu S/o. Sambasiva Rao, Age: 30 Years, Cooli, R/o: Sri Maruthi Mess, Karur Village, Tada (M), SPSR Nellore District (Private Person).

9) Sri Ittahadi Srinivasulu S/o. Venkataiah, Age: 32 Years, Profession: Cooli, R/o: Kollamitta Village, Sullurupeta Mandal, SPSR Nellore District (Private Person).

10) Sri Nalagandla Hari Prasad S/o. Chennaiah, Age: 56 Years, Occ: Asst. Engineer (R&B), O/o. Deputy Executive Engineer, Roads & Buildings Sub-Division, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District (Mediator).

11) Sri Napa Madhu Sudhana Rao S/o. Late. N. Venkata Subbaiah, Age: 42 Years, Occ: Jr. Asst, O/o. Deputy Executive Engineer, Roads & Buildings Sub-Division, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District (Mediator).

12) Sri Mukka Venkateswarlu S/o.Late Gopala Rao, Age: 41 Years, Occ: Asst. Labour Officer, O/o. Dy. Commissioner of Labour, 1st Floor, Moonland Apartments, KVAgraharam, Pogathota, Nellore (Mediator).

13) Sri Konda Srinivasulu Reddy S/o Late Ramana Reddy, Age: 40 years, Occ:Jr Assistant, O/o. Asst. Labour Officer, III Circle, Moonland Apartments, KVAgraharam, Pogathota, Nellore(working as enumerator in the smart pulse survey in Municipal Corporation of Nellore on deputation basis) (Mediator).

14) Sri Gangisetty Krishna S/o. Late Venkata Ratnam, Age: 54 Years, Occ: Asst.Executive Engineer, O/o. Dy. Executive Engineer, R & B Sub Division, Kovuru, SPSR Nellore District (Mediator).

15) Sri Peramsetty Roop Vijayanth S/o. Rama Murthy, Age: 47 Years, Occ. Sr. Asst, O/o. DEE, R & B Sub Division, Kovuru, SPSR Nellore District (Mediator).

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16) Sri.T. Prabhakar, the then Dy.Supdt. of Police, ACB, Nellore Range, Nellore now working as DSP, ACB, Ongole, Prakasam District.

17) Sri N. Siva Kumar Reddy, Inspector of Police, ACB, Nellore Range, Nellore.

18) Sri A Srihari Rao, Inspector of Police, ACB, Nellore Range, Nellore.

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## ANNEXURE - IV

**LIST OF RECORDS**

1) Photostat copies of Duty Register of ICP, B.V. Palem, Tada.

2) Photostat copies of Personal Cash Register of ICP, B.V. Palem, Tada.

3) Photostat copies of Duty Chart of Commercial Wing, ICP, B.V. Palem, Tada.

4) Photostat copies of Visiting Register of ICP, B.V. Palem, Tada.

5) Rough sketch of scene of offence, Dt: 09.01.2017.

6) Surprise Check Proceedings drafted on 09.01.2017 for the surprise check conducted over the ICP, B.V. Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore Dist.

7) Service particulars of SO and Job Chart.

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